

Chapter 26

Water

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Part 1**Water Well Drilling****§26-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known as the “Hatboro Well Drilling Ordinance.”
(*Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §1*)

§26-102. Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the following meanings when used in this Part:

Drill, drilled, or drilling—any action necessary to construct, repair, or refurbish wells such as drilling, boring, coring, washing, digging, driving, or letting.

Driller—any water well contractor, his employee, or representative in responsible charge of drilling or otherwise constructing a well.

Permit—written authorization giving consent to dig or refurbish well.

Person—a natural person, corporation, partnership, or association.

Private water supply—a water supply which shall not be public as herein above defined.

Public water supply—the facilities for the supply of water by the Hatboro Borough Authority through its water distribution system.

Well—any excavation that is drilled, cored, bored, washed, drive, dug, or otherwise constructed for the location, diversion, or acquisition of underground waters or charging of water into underground strata.

(*Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §2*)

§26-103. Permits.

1. From the effective date hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to locate, drill, or have drilled any private well, or to install or have installed any relating pumping equipment to a private well, or to alter an existing private well or its pumping equipment until a permit for such location, drilling, installation, or alteration shall have been issued by the Borough.

2. All private wells shall be constructed in accordance with specifications required therefor by Borough Council.

3. No permits shall be issued unless approval is granted by the Hatboro Borough Authority.

4. No permits shall be issued unless approval is granted by the Hatboro Borough Council.

(*Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §3*)

§26-104. Application and Forms.

Application for permits as herein required shall be in writing and shall set forth the

location of the property on which the well is proposed to be drilled and shall be accompanied by the name of the proposed well driller and a sketch of the proposed well construction, with an explanation of the methods to be used. All wells drilled within the Borough must be drilled by a well driller licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §4)

§26-105. Prohibitions.

1. No private well shall be drilled to service any property within the Borough of Hatboro which is serviceable by means of a public water supply.

2. No private well shall, in any event, be drilled at any location within 1,000 feet in any direction from any existing, or then proposed, water supply.

3. *Wells for Waste Disposal.* No private well shall be drilled nor shall any existing private well be used for the purpose of disposal of domestic or industrial waste.

(Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §5)

§26-106. Sealing of Abandoned Wells.

The owner of any private well shall, upon abandonment thereof, effectively seal and fill such well in accordance with the standards required by Borough Council. A private well not in operation for 1 or more years or improperly maintained to prevent contamination, shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

(Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §6)

§26-107. Fees.

An application for permit to drill a private well shall be accompanied by an application and fee in an amount to be established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council.

(Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §7; as amended by Ord. 907, 9/23/1996, §13-607)

§26-108. Penalties.

Any person or persons, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Part or the rules and regulation adopted hereunder, shall be, upon conviction thereof, sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Whenever such person or persons have been notified by the Borough or by the service of a warrant and summary proceeding that he is committing such violation, each day thereafter that he continues and persists in such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 697, 11/17/1980, §8; as amended by Ord. 907, 9/23/1996, §13-608)